

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5547–S5582

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2494–2508, and S. Res. 316–318. **Pages S5577–78**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–106) **Page S5573**

Measures Considered:

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 292), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5561–62**

Subsequently, Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5562**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following motions proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McConnell motion to disagree in the amendment of the House of Representatives, agree to the request of the House of Representatives for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Pages S5562–63**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 87 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 293), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to disagree in the amendment of the House of Representatives, agree to the request of the House of Representatives for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Inhofe, Wicker, Fischer, Cotton, Rounds, Ernst, Tillis, Sullivan, Perdue, Cramer, McSally, Scott (FL), Blackburn, Hawley, Reed, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Hirono, Kaine, King, Heinrich, Warren, Peters, Manchin, Duckworth, and Jones.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if McConnell motion to disagree in the amendment of the House of Representatives, agree to the request of the House of Representatives for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate is agreed to, it be in order for the following motions to instruct, which are at the desk: Senators Van Hollen, Cotton, Jones, Schatz, Peters, McSally, McConnell or designee, to be considered at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, but prior to Thursday, September 26, 2019, in the form of Senate resolutions, taken up and considered on the same day with no amendments in order.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116–1) (Ex. Rept. 116–5). **Pages S5576–77**

McGuire Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S5570**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 20, 2019. **Page S5570**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5570**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 2019. **Pages S5581–82**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 289), Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. **Pages S5548–52, S5582**

By 54 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 290), Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S5552**

By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 291), Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury. **Pages S5552–53**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—293) **Pages S5552–53, S5562, S5570**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5582.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MASS VIOLENCE, EXTREMISM, AND DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mass violence, extremism, and digital responsibility, after receiving testimony from Monika Bickert, Facebook, Menlo Park, California; Nick Pickles, Twitter, Inc., and Derek Slater, Google LLC, both of San Francisco, California; and George Selim, Anti-Defamation League, Washington, D.C.

WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Jamey K. Sanders, Choctaw Transportation Company, Inc., Dyersburg, Tennessee, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; and Derek Brockbank, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Washington, D.C.

U.S. POLICY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in the Indo-Pacific region, focusing on Hong Kong, alliances and partnerships, and other issues, after receiving testimony from David Stilwell, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, John Leslie Carwile, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Anthony F. Godfrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Herro Mustafa, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

U.S.-COLOMBIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian